

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 10/4/12

Present: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, DPW Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Brackett School Composting Representative Erica Riddington, Ellen Callaway, Peggy Powell, Secretary Pete Howard

DPW REPORT: JRM has begun to not pick up trash where there is no recycling or excess trash leaving red stickers infraction stickers as required (about 40 to 50 a day). Charlotte/DPW is handling many phone calls, most of which are civil. She did not yet have the tonnage numbers for August. We learned that JRM takes single stream material to Malden Bailing.

TOWN DAY: Many people visited the booth. The setup was clean & neat. Lots of recycling stickers and trash program brochures were taken and questions answered.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY (11/17/12): Charlotte is contacting vendors. She expects the same ones as last spring. There will be a handout about the spring CCD Styrofoam collection. The vendor will charge \$250. Gordon will ask Selectman Greeley to read proclamation at Special Town Meeting (Note: Postponed until Board of Selectmen meeting due to Kevin's recent operation).

Charlotte has a list of efforts that can be used to promote the event including AFD mobile electric sign and the static Town Hall signboard as well as DPW News, cable, Arlington List, Special town meeting announcement

RECYCLING PROMOTION

School based recycling/composting. Support to Brackett for a sink refused by School CFO because it would favor one school over the others. Erica requested a lockable bin to store recycling material over the weekend. Charlotte will provide a lockable tote(s). Schools may collect clean trays for spring CCD; rinsing dirty ones is too much for now. Pierce has been scheduled for a JRM presentation on solid waste and recycling.

- .. Advocate Recycling tips: Something to attack once new contract up and running smoothly
- .. Recycling how-to-video ACMI - Would be a great AHS project.
- .. Composting bin sales - Reviewed briefly. Spring push planned
- .. Recycling website enhancements - Eric is working this
- .. Uncle Sam poster - Not discussed
- .. Green Team - Not discussed

NEW BUSINESS

Brackett requested purchase of reusable canvas lunch bags at \$465/100. . A purchase for Brackett is thought to violate the equity principle and may be a poor use of our funds. Perhaps we could buy in bulk and provide a prize in a competition between schools

Yard waste compost from Lexington (or elsewhere) and Brackett for use in Arlington. Brackett has no plans for use of their material. Unclear how much will be generated over the winter. DPW does not have space for permanent bin. Perhaps a volunteer could follow up. DPW to continue to work on plan by which regular yard waste compost could be distributed to residents

Pete suggested asking the BoS to urge the Governor to release the 2010-2020 Solid Waste Plan. Members were supportive & will review the Plan for next meeting. Subsequently Juli provided a link to the Plan on the DEP website.

FUTURE MEETINGS - First Thursday of each month at 7:30 in the Town Hall Annex unless otherwise announced.